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SUBJECT: SECOND REPUBLIC LAUNCHES NEW NATIONAL MOVEMENT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: RWANDAN NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES DIFFERED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM LAST YEAR AS PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA (A) SHIFTED CEREMONIAL FOCUS FROM JULY 1 (INDEPENDENCE) TO JULY 5 (SECOND REPUBLIC), (B) SKIPPED NATIONAL "BALANCE SHEET" OF PROGRESS AND INSTEAD DELIVERED MANIFESTO AND STATUTES "MOUVEMENT REVOLUTIONNAIRE NATIONAL POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT" (MRND), (C) SPOKE IN KINYARWANDA RATHER THAN FRENCH AND (D) REPLACED TRADITIONAL RWANDAN FOLKLORE PRESENTATIONS WITH NORTH KOREAN-DIRECTED MASS MOVEMENT TABLEAUX AND FLASH CARD SPECTACLES EMPHASIZING POLITICAL THEMES. MRND ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE CULMINATION PRES RECENT INITIATIVES OF DIRECT POPULAR CONTACT TO STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT. MRND HAS STRONG CONTROL FEATURES, BUT SHOULD BE TEMPERED BY PRESIDENT'S STYLE AND RWANDAN STOICISM. END SUMMARY

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2. THE MANIFESTO - RWANDAN PRES HABYARIMANA USED JULY 5

SECOND REPUBLIC DAY CEREMONY TO DELIVER "MANIFESTO OF JULY 5" AND ANNOUNCE FORMATION "MOUVEMENT REVOLUTIONNAIRE NATIONAL POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT" MANIFESTO SETS FORTH ELOQUENTLY NOW-FAMILIAR LINES BROAD GOR POLICY GOALS WHICH EMPHASIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ETHNIC UNITY, SOCIAL PROGRESS, EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND CULTURAL GROWTH. IN FOREIGN FIELD, EMPHASIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE "ACTIVE, NON-ALIGNED AND POSITIVELY NEUTRAL" (A NEW TERM) STRESSING GOOD RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES FOLLOWED BY PURSUIT AFRICAN LIBERATION AND FOREIGN AID. MANIFESTO STATES BASIC MRND PRINCIPLES AS "NATIONAL, DEMOCRATIC AND REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE", "RESPONSIBLE" DEMOCRACY, DOMESTIC PEACE AND UNITY FOR ALL "CITIZENS AND INHABITANTS", "SUBORDINATION" OF INDIVIDUAL TO COLLECTIVE INTERESTS, MALE-FEMALE EQUALITY WITH FAMILY AS "BASIS OF SOCIETY", RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH AGRICULTURAL RATIONALIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, "PURIFICATION" NATIONAL MORALS, CUSTOMS AND PSYCHOLOGY, FURTHERANCE NATIONAL CULTURAL INHERITANCE, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE WITHIN INTERNATIONAL "INTERDEPENDENCE AND COMPLEMENTARITY" PLUS PEACE AND "FRATERNAL COOPERATION" AMONG PEOPLES.

3. THE MOVEMENT - MRND TO BE BASED ON "RESPONSIBLE DEMOCRACY" WHICH TURNS OUT IN STATUTES TO BE INDIRECT ELECTIONS TO SERIES "MOVEMENT" BODIES (WORD "PARTY" IS AVOIDED) EXTENDING FROM HILLSIDE "CELLS" THROUGH SERIES ASCENDING COUNCILS TO MRND PRESIDENT. LATTER INCUMBENT TO BE ONLY CANDIDATE FOR GOR PRESIDENT WHO WILL BE ELECTED "BY EXISTING ELECTORAL LAW" FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM (RENEWABLE). MRND STRUCTURE APPEARS PARALLEL EXISTING AND, IN SOME CASES, NEWLY-ESTABLISHED GOR ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES PARTICULARLY AT LOCAL LEVELS. SECOND MOST POWERFUL POSITION APPEARS BE MRND SECGEN WHO TAKES ON POWERS MRND PRESIDENCY IN CASES OF LATTER'S ABSENCE OR DEATH. NO ONE NAMED THIS POSITION AND IT COULD REMAIN VACANT. ALL RWANDANS ARE MRND MEMBERS BY BIRTH, BUT SPECIAL ROLE WILL DIVULGE ON "MILITANTS".

4. THE SPECTACLES - TRADITIONAL RWANDAN FOLKLORE
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WAS REPLACED THIS YEAR BY THE NOW-FAMILIAR (IN AFRICA) MASSED MOVEMENT AND FLASH CARD SPECTACLES DIRECTED BY NORTH KOREANS. THE MASSED PERFORMERS (FROM RWANDAN TOTS TO TROOPS) PERFORMED IMPRESSIVELY AND STUPEFIED RWANDAN AUDIENCE WHICH IS NEITHER TV NOR EVEN FILM ORIENTED. THEMES EXTENDED FROM MUNDANE "INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION" TO EXPECTED "ELIMINATE VESTIGES COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM" AND "STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OPPRESSED

PEOPLES IN AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA". ALTHOUGH PARTICIPANTS WERE RWANDAN AND SOME EFFORT MADE TO INCORPORATE RWANDAN SCENES, STYLE AND CONTENT WERE NEO-PYONGYANG. A DISCORDANT NOTE WAS BRIEF APPEARANCE OF A LIBYAN FOLKLORE TROUPE SENT BY QUADDAFI ON SHORT NOTICE.

5. COMMENT - PRES HABYARIMANA USED NATIONAL CEREMONY AS CULMINATION HIS INITIATIVES OVER PAST MONTHS TO ESTABLISH "PERMANENT DIALOGUES WITH THE PEOPLE", STAY IN TOUCH WITH POPULAR FEELINGS AND, ABOVE ALL, EMPHASIZE DEVELOPMENT. HE CERTAINLY INTENDS USE NEW MRND INSTITUTIONALIZE "DIALOGUE" CONCEPT AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IMPETUS TO HIS SINCERELY-HELD BELIEFS ON PRIORITIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ETHNIC UNITY.

6. ALTHOUGH IT EXPECTED PRES WOULD ANNOUNCE FORMATION HIS PREVIOUSLY HINTED NEW NATIONAL MOVEMENT, SIMULTANEOUS ORAL DELIVERY AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION MANIFESTO AND MRND STATUTES TOOK SOME GOR ELITE BY SURPRISE. SOME MINISTERS AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS BOUGHT COPIES DURING PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND STUDIED THEM FOR APPARENTLY FIRST TIME. PRES SUPREME COURT (TO WHOM GOR PRES SHOWS CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC DEFERENCE) ADMITTED HE NEITHER CONSULTED NOR AWARE STATUTE PROVISIONS WHICH MAY IMPACT ON RWANDAN LAW, BUT WAS "CERTAIN" THERE WOULD BE NO CONFLICTS.

7. AT FIRST GLANCE, MRND APPEARS OWE CONSIDERABLE DRAFTING DEBT TO ZAIRE MPR, BE ORGANIZATIONALLY MORE COMPLEX THAN ABOLISHED PARMEHUTU PARTY AND DISPLAYS STRONG CENTRAL FOCUS. STATUTES CERTAINLY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR OPPRESSIVE CONTROL BUT SHOULD BE TEMPERED BY HABYARIMANA'S

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8. RELATED REPORTS- COPIES MANIFESTO AND MRND STATUTES WILL BE POUCHED WITH AIRGRAM ANALYSIS. PRES FOREIGN AFFAIRS REVIEW DELIVERED GOR CM CONFERENCE JULY 7 WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. EMB ASSESSMENT YEAR II SECOND REPUBLIC IS UNDER PREPARATION. FRITTS

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